

Cracknell slip so costly

Hayes 1 Wycombe Wanderers

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A tragic mistake by Hayes goalkeeper Graham Cracknell put Wycombe on the road to victory in last week's Rothman's Isthmian League match at Church Road.

Wycombe were in so much trouble in the first 13 minutes that Hayes could have snatched an early lead. They also had a reasonable looking penalty turned down.

But the turning point came in the 13th minute when Cracknell let a half hit shot by Steve Perrin slip through his guard.

From this point Wycombe grew in stature. Their football flowed and Hayes were very much in the back seat until they narrowed the scoreline to a goal in the closing stages.

A draw would have been unfair to Wycombe for a game they controlled for most of the time. Another goal through Evans, a shot against the crossbar, another against a post, another cleared off the line and one disallowed was the sort of superiority they enjoyed.

Wycombe used the whole pitch, the width in particular, and Hayes were often stretched to cover so much ground.

W Keith Searle, the man Hayes sacked because of lack of effort, had a storming game and so too did the equally burly Steve Perrin.

It was left to Peter Twigg to reduce the arrears for Hayes 12 minutes from time.

Hayes: G. Cracknell, S. Paley, M. Barnard, J. Sanders, J. O'Sullivan, A. Harris (C. Batchelor), T. James, R. Ross, R. Butler, J. O'Callaghan, P. Twigg.